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Open forum promotes discussion

JOCELYN GALLEGOS
News Editor

The Student Government Association sponsored an open forum where students were able to take their questions and concerns directly to PUC's senior administration in the SFLC television lounge January 17.

Cory Sizemore, SGA president, opened the event by introducing PUC's senior administration, composed of Chancellor Howard Cohen, Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs Sandra Singer, Vice Chancellor of Student Services Leo Bryant and Vice Chancellor of Building Services Gary Newsom. After the chancellor and each vice chancellor gave a description of their main duties, the floor was opened for discussion.

One student was concerned about the university's parking situation on the north side of campus. He wanted to know if there had been a proposal for a parking garage. Cohen suggested that when the parking spaces on the

north side of campus are taken, students should park on the south side of campus.

"We haven't used all of the parking spaces on campus, even on the busiest of days," Cohen said.

Cohen also said he understands students are interested in parking on the north side of campus. For that reason he asked the Parking Policy Committee to explore the possibility of a parking garage that would be located on the north side of campus.

"We have to sort out what's convenient parking from what's necessary parking because if we do put up a parking garage, that will amount to a fairly substantial increase in everybody's parking costs," Cohen said.



Howard Cohen,
Chancellor

Another student asked if the university was going to require all students to have identification cards. Bryant said identification

cards, which will include the student's picture, will be available to all students, but will only be required and provided for beginning students.

Newsom said, "As part of the ID card project, we are looking at a debit card operation that would be used in the bookstore and in the food service."

The debit card operation would allow students to make purchases in the campus bookstore, cafeteria and cafes.

Bryant said, "We are shooting for an April 1 implementation."

Additionally, a student asked the senior administration to explain Gyte building renovation plans. Newsom said they have been concerned about the quality of the science labs located in the Gyte building for some time.

"We have a 5.5 million dollar project that is in the drawing

stages now that will establish new chemistry labs in the west wing of the Gyte building," Newsom said.

Newsom also said the old chemistry labs will be shut down and turned into classrooms.

"This project will be bid sometime in May and be approved, we hope, by the Purdue Board of Trustees in June," Newsom said.

Some students also wanted to know what the university is doing about sports. One student asked if the university was going to introduce more sports teams.

Bryant said the athletic director is currently in the process of developing a plan that will provide a direction for the athletic program. He said the plan will be discussed with the chancellor at a meeting in February.

"We will certainly entertain the notion for some other athletic sports; we

are not opposed to it," Bryant said.



Gary H. Newsom, Vice
chancellor of
Administrative
Services

Another student wanted to know if the senior administration had plans to renovate the gymnasium floors by making them wood.

"We are in the process of exploring

that too," Bryant said.

"I can't tell you how we are going to do it, but I can tell you it is a concern."

Other questions asked dealt with the book allowance students receive from financial aid and textbook selection. One student wanted to know how the \$300 book allowance, which allows students to purchase books from the Campus Bookstore, was determined and if it could be increased.

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PUC provides a facility for technology

JASON KRANZ
News Writer

The Technology and Business Center will be for people who want to put ideas into action.

Chancellor Howard Cohen said the center will provide facilities, consulting and technology for those aspiring companies. Cohen pointed out that this operation will provide better jobs and more business and that Purdue West Lafayette has a replica of the business center, which has been very successful.

Congressman Pete Visclosky agreed to give \$7 million to fund the facility and startup fee.

Cohen said, "The legislature agreed, but couldn't fund it."

Rebecca Stankowski, co-chair of the Strategic Planning Committee, added, "We want the Business and Technology Center to stimulate new careers within the Calumet region by training, internships and startup help with businesses. This will be a cooperative venture."

The Technology and Business Center will be constructed on land located between 93rd Avenue and 101st Street in Merrillville.

The center will be a non-profit organization; therefore, profit from rent will go back to PUC.

In an effort to measure success,

the center has set the primary goals of hosting 125 clients and hosting 48 training programs to regional businesses. The center's targeted completion is mid-2004.

Freshman Nathan Reilly agrees and adds, "I think that the Business and Technology Center will be very helpful not only to future entrepreneurs, but students at Purdue Calumet like me, by providing a building that encourages people to have initiative to do something about wanting to open up a business, but may not have necessary equipment." Comments and inquiries can be sent to the Strategic Planning Task force at spthf@calumet.purdue.edu.

"I thank that the Business and Technology Center will be a very helpful..."

Nathan Reilly,
Freshman

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AND BUSINESS
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Ave. and 101st
Street in
Merrillville

The Center for Career and Leadership

SARAH LISON
Assistant News Editor

Rick Riddering, director of the Center for Career and Leadership Development, spoke about the services his office offers to students following the open forum Jan. 22. The Center for Career and leadership Development is new office where the offices of Career Services and Student Leadership Development have come together. Riddering stated that construction of the new office on the third floor of the SFLC building has been completed.

The Center for Career and Leadership Development was created to serve the changing interests of students.

Donna Weidenfeller, office manager in the Center for Career and Leadership Development, worked in the office of Career Services for nearly 15 years. She said, "students are more involved with outside jobs and family now, and they have to really be able to do a good balancing act and remain focused."

The Center for Career and Leadership Development serves three areas of student interest including student life and activities, personal and professional

development, and new student orientation.

Riddering stated that there are more than 50 student organizations at PUC, and that his office is responsible for supervising and assisting those organizations with the processes of activity planning and conducting business. Riddering said that his office is attempting to simplify that process.

Krista Longtin, a graduate aid in the Center for Career and Leadership Development, said that the office is willing to add links from its website to the website of any recognized student organization.

"Student organizations-there's always room for more," Riddering said.

Riddering said that Tameka Chihota, secretary in the Center of Career and Leadership Development, is the first point of contact for students interested in creating student organizations.

Career counseling, workshops, leadership training, and community service are the four areas of personal and professional development that the Center for Career and Leadership Development focuses on.

A career counselor can help a student develop or review a resume and provide information or ideas.

Career counselors see students by appointment, but resume workshops are offered Tuesdays from 10-11 a.m. and 2-3 p.m., Wednesdays from 12-1 p.m. and 6-7 p.m. and Thursdays from 9-10 a.m. and 4-5 p.m.

In the past, leadership training workshops have been offered to students based on survey results regarding the personal qualities prospective employers want to see in college graduates. Longtin said that the Center for Career and Leadership Development plans to improve workshops by taking a hands-on approach. By working with student organizations to solve business problems, Longtin said leadership training would become more specific. Riddering stated the new leadership workshops would be less theoretical and also supplemental to the information students acquire in the classroom.

Habitat for Humanity in Hammond is one community service organiza-



Photo by Skye Holman
Chandra Gary, assistant director of
the Center for Career and Leadership
Development, helps as student navigates
the computer system.

tion students can get involved with through the Center for Career and Leadership Development. Longtin stated that the office is attempting to partner with the Purdue University Calumet Construction Organization (PUCCO) in an effort to bring a Habitat for Humanity chapter to the PUC campus. Riddering said that after two to three weeks, the chance that a freshman will drop out increases dramatically. One of the goals of the strategic plan is to increase the retention rate of first-time students. Riddering said a committee is presently researching new student orientation, benchmarking peer universities and preparing a program that will be offered to new students by the Center for Career and Leadership Development.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

Timely financial aid advice

The quest to obtain financial assistance requires an investment of time and effort on your part—but the return on your investment can be substantial!

There are forms to fill out—most notably the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

There are deadlines to meet—most importantly, March 1, for submitting a completed FAFSA. It's the FAFSA that is used to determine the amount of need-based federal, state and institutional assistance for which you qualify for the 2002-02 academic year.

There also are scholarship searches on which to embark. Scholarships may be based on academic strength (merit) alone or a combination of need and merit. Scholarship donors identify the criteria to be met by would-be recipients. March 1 is also the deadline to submit a Purdue University Calumet Merit Awards Application.

In short, the process of attaining financial assistance requires your active involvement and commitment. Many of you can attest to the fact that the process is worth the effort.

55 percent of our students receive \$19 million in financial assistance

About 55 percent of Purdue Calumet students receive some \$19 million annually in financial assistance—based on need and/or merit.

But unless current students, prospective students and their families follow through appropriately on the financial aid application process, they likely will miss out on valuable funding for their education.

To provide guidance and assistance to families in their pursuit of financial assistance, February has been designated Financial Aid Awareness Month. The cornerstone event of Financial Aid Awareness Month is College Goal Sunday, a free, statewide initiative scheduled Feb. 10 at 2 p.m.

Purdue Calumet is hosting two College Goal Sunday sites—one on campus in Gyte 103, the other at the Hellenic Cultural Center in Merrillville, where many of our south Lake County classes are held.

Continuing through February, this *Administration Update* space will be devoted to providing helpful financial aid information for students in their efforts to pursue financial assistance for next academic year.

Click onto the Office of Financial Aid home page

In the meantime, we suggest that you click onto the Office of Financial Aid home page from the Purdue Calumet Web site: www.calumet.purdue.edu

There, you will find comprehensive financial aid information. You also can access scholarship listings and searches; application information; answers to frequently asked financial aid-related questions; and more!

Further information about financial aid and related services also can be obtained by:

- visiting the Office of Financial Aid, located in the Enrollment Services Center, LAWSHE 130,
- e-mailing the Office at: finaid@calumet.purdue.edu or
- phoning 219/989-2301 or (toll free) 800/HI-PURDUE, ext. 2301. (Just use ext. 2301 from campus phones).

What's goin' on?

A look around campus

Seminar will be held to train for the Spring Fling 5K

A seminar, "Training to Run or Walk Purdue Calumet's Spring Fling 5K," will be held at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 30 in Room 122 of the Physical Education Recreation Building. Four training programs will be discussed which include walker, beginning runner, intermediate runner and experienced runner. Admission is free, but advanced registration is encouraged due to limited seating. To register or for more information phone the Total Fitness Center at 989-2175.

DreamWorks designer to discuss his work, movie "Shrek"

DreamWorks designer Scott Singer, who created the digital clothes for the movie, "Shrek," will discuss his work and show several videos at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 30 at the Center. Singer will also show recruiting demo reels about what it takes to become a designer for DreamWorks and be available for questions. For more information phone the computer graphic technology program at 989-2406.

Free career and personal counseling now available

Free career and personal counseling is available through the Practicum Counseling Center. Appointments are available for Wednesday evenings. For more information contact Jane Stangel at 989-2366.

Benefit dinner/dance will be held to benefit M.A.D.D.

Zeta Sigma Chi Sorority Inc., Gamma Chapter will hold "Sweethearts for M.A.D.D." February 9 from 7 p.m. to midnight in the SFLC building. Tickets are \$25 for singles and \$40 for couples. The event is semi-formal. Business ads may be placed. For those unable to attend, monetary donations are greatly appreciated. For more information please contact Jorie Spinks at (219)617-5920 or Kristie VanMeter at poohbearluvr17@yahoo.com.

Nominations for Homecoming King and Queen contest being accepted

Nominations for Homecoming King and Queen candidates must be received by Monday, January 28. King and Queen Contest rules and entry forms can be obtained in the Center for Career and Leadership Development Room C-349.

Three plays will be performed for Black History Month

J. Allen Johnson will direct three plays by Harlem Renaissance Playwright Georgia Douglas Johnson. "Plumes," "Safe" and "Blue-Eyed Black Boy" will be performed February 16 at 6:30 p.m. in Alumni Hall in the SFLC building. Admission is free.

Student Government Association welcomes students

The SGA is recruiting senators. For more information phone 989-2394.

Writers wanted

If you need a portfolio-builder or would just like to see your name in the paper, call The Chronicle. The Chronicle is seeking new writers to cover campus news, entertainment and sports for the spring semester. Writing experience is a bonus, but not required. We will train. Pay is per story. For more information contact Lorrell at 989-2547.

Chronicle positions open

The Chronicle is currently seeking advertising representatives, and photographers. For more information contact Lorrell at 989-2547.

Student patrol officers needed

Students interested in working as patrol officers for spring semester must be enrolled in at least six credit hours. Pay is \$6.50 per hour, 20 hours per week. For more information contact Sgt. N. Zwier at the University Police Department Monday through Thursday, after 3 p.m. at 989-

Say what?

'Everyone has talent. What is rare is the courage to follow the talent to the dark place where it leads.'

-Erica Jong
1942 -

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College Goal Sunday programs will be offered in February

To better familiarize families with the higher education financial aid process, as well as help them complete the federal financial aid application, Purdue University Calumet is hosting College Goal Sunday at 2 p.m., Feb. 10 at two locations: Room 103 in Gyte building and the Gold Room of the Hellenic Cultural Center, 8000 Madison Ave., Merrillville.

This 13th annual College Goal Sunday initiative is being held at 34 locations statewide, including six sites within north-west Indiana's Calumet Region.

At the free, Purdue Calumet-hosted programs, university staff members will lead participants step by step in filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

First-time financial aid applicants, as well as current year recipients must fill out and submit the FAFSA by March 1 to be considered for most types of financial assistance awarded for the 2002-2003 academic year. Twenty-first Century Scholars must complete a FAFSA to claim their Twenty-first Century Scholarships.

About 55 percent of Purdue Calumet students receive approximately \$19 million annually in financial assistance.

College Goal Sunday is for college entrants and students of all ages. The event targets low to middle income Indiana residents who could qualify for undergraduate admission to a college or technical school, need financial

assistance and desire help filling out the FAFSA-copies which will be provided at each College Goal Sunday site.

Students 23 or younger should attend with a parent or guardian and bring their family's completed 2001 IRS 1040 tax return or a draft, W-2 statement(s) and any other 2001 income and benefits-related information. Students 24 or older may come alone and bring their own completed 2001 IRS 1040 tax return/draft, W-2 statement(s) and any other 2001 income and benefits-related information.

Locally, College Goal Sunday programs also are scheduled in East Chicago at Central High School, 1100 W. Columbus Drive in Cafeteria A; in Gary at Indiana University Northwest, 3400 Broadway Ave. in the Savannah Center auditorium; at the Valparaiso University Union in the Great Hall; and at Michigan City's Marquette Mall, U.S. 20 and 421 in the Community Meeting Room.

The statewide, toll free College Goal Sunday phone number is (800) 992-2076. Individuals may visit the College Goal Sunday web site at www.college-goalsunday.org

Additional financial aid information may be obtained from Purdue Calumet by visiting the university's financial aid web site at <http://esc.calumet.purdue.edu/finaid>, e-mailing the Office of Financial Aid at finaid@calumet.purdue.edu, phoning the Office at (219) 989-

2301 or (800) HI-PURDUE, Ext. 2301, or visiting the Enrollment Services Center on the first floor of Lawshe Hall.

In addition to College Goal Sunday programs, Purdue Calumet is hosting four financial aid workshops, which will help in completing the FAFSA, as well as other financial aid information and answers to questions will be provided. Those free workshops will be held at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 6 in Gyte-108; 7 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 13 in Gyte-108; 9 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 16 in Gyte-116; 9 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 23 in Gyte-116.

Also, university financial aid staff members will be available to answer financial aid-related questions, Feb. 11 to 14, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Feb. 11 to 12, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the concourse of the Student Faculty Library Center.

College Goal Sunday is sponsored by the Indiana Student Financial Aid Association, in cooperation with the Indiana Career and Postsecondary Advancement Center, the State Student Assistance Commission of Indiana and the Office of Twenty-first Century Scholars. College Goal Sunday is co-funded by Lilly Endowment Inc. and the USA Group Foundation, two Indiana-based non-profit organizations with a particular interest in higher education.

Free career, personal counseling available

Free career and personal counseling is available through Purdue University Calumet's Practicum Counseling Center.

The counseling, provided by advanced graduate students seeking a master's degree in mental health or school counseling, is a component of the practicum experience supervised by Lisa Hollingsworth, Purdue Calumet assistant professor of education and counseling psy-

chology and practicum counseling program director.

The program is part of the requirement necessary for students to obtain their degrees. The practicum counseling experience provides community residents a free counseling resource within a confidential and safe environment.

Appointments for Wednesday evenings only or other information can be obtained by contact-

ing Practicum Program Coordinator Jane Stangel at (219) 989-2366. The toll free number throughout northern Indiana and the nearby Illinois Chicagoland area is (800) HI-PURDUE, Ext. 2366.

The PUC Police Report



Monday, January 14, 12:01 p.m.

A victim's purse was stolen from Lawshe Hall between 11:30 a.m. and 12 p.m. The purse was later found on Wicker Avenue.

Tuesday, January 15, 3:46 p.m.

A victim's tongue ring became lodged in her throat after swallowing it. No treatment was given, and transportation to the hospital was refused.

Thursday, January 17, 10:45 a.m.

A victim left a textbook on a shelf in the bathroom in the CLO building. Upon return, the book was missing.

Thursday, January 17, 11:05 a.m.

A victim sustained an injury to the right side of the torso after tripping over a laptop that was lying on the floor. No treatment was given.

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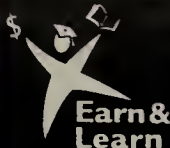
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Lack of Information About Homecoming May Affect Attendance

For many schools, homecoming is a major event complete with rallies, contests and spirit weeks. Attendance can be extremely high at some of these events as students and fans alike come out to cheer on their team and enjoy being part of a strongly united community. However, due to unfortunate oversights on the part of several PUC organizations, this may not be the case for our school this year.

The first, and probably largest, of these mistakes is the lack of an adequately sized homecoming committee. Amazingly, the committee consists of only one person this year. Although the committee is a permanently external body from the SGA, meaning that one does not have to be a member of SGA to participate, apparently a lack of advertising, and information, the committee resulted in no student participation at all. The Center for Career and Student Leadership Development is also at fault for the personnel lack, since one of their duties is to find out whether or not it is adequately staffed. Obviously there were several people asleep at the wheel here.

Another group not being properly utilized is the SGA extension called the Student Programming Board, whose activities on campus include planning, advertising, and funding such activities as homecoming.

Obviously, with the variety and number of organizations available to spread the word about events such as homecoming, there should be no unusual problems at all with extracurricular events. When there are snafus such as the ones mentioned above, however, very real problems do tend to occur.

For instance, how is one person supposed to create an entire calendar of events to rally school spirit? Planning activities such as, say, a spirit week require large amounts of both time and energy, and while most of us students are fairly energetic, time is always at a premium for us. When we aren't studying, most of us are working, raising families, etc. How can one person be expected to carry the typical student and life load and still plan all of the homecoming activities? In my opinion, it simply just is not going to happen.

Another issue results from the fact that the director of all of these activities has not even been informed that there is no homecoming committee, so how can he even know that there is a problem?

Also, if there is no homecoming committee, what kind of activities will there be to draw attention and interest to homecoming itself? This can be a major issue, since many people look forward to the buildup of excitement and fun that activities such as school rallies, colorful decorations, and silly contests to win cool prizes brings about. How much of this can we honestly expect with no committee to plan or carry out any such ideas? One person can only do so much.

Finally, there is what may be the biggest problem of all: attendance. Unfortunately, attendance at past homecomings hasn't been all that high to begin with, and if events continue in this manner it's not going to get any better, to say the least.

How can this situation be remedied? There is no easy answer but we all need to help get this homecoming thing back on track.

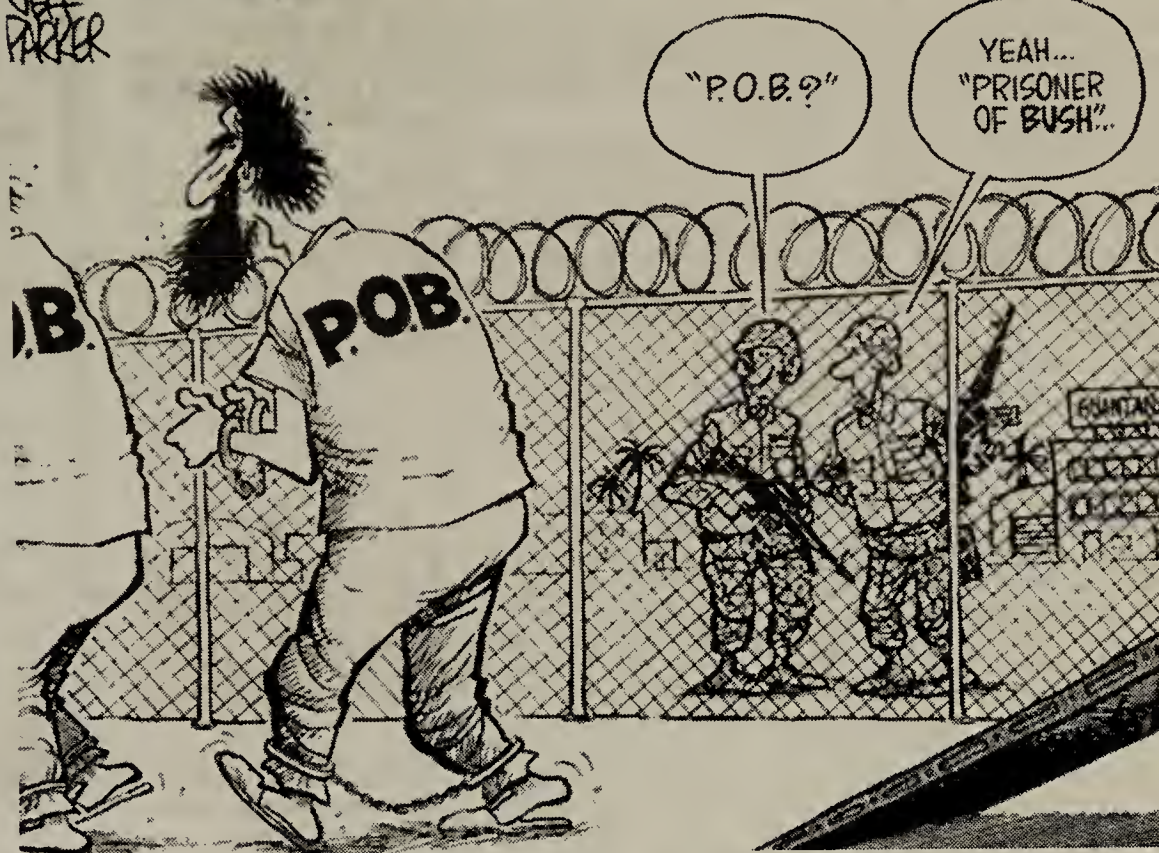
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Registration a hassle for students



DEBORAH RACE
Production Manager

Registering for my classes at Purdue has been an excruciating process, especially it being my first year at college. Had I known then what I know now I would probably not be at this school now.

Like a responsible student should, I went in at early registration to sign up for my classes. I made an appointment with Eileen Schwartz in the English department who said that she could help me even though I was just taking general classes. I showed up on the day and time scheduled, but she wasn't there. I talked to someone there about her whereabouts, and that person informed me that she was in meetings all day and shouldn't have had students scheduled to see her because she wouldn't be in all day.

Back to the drawing board, I went over to Pat Melon in the Communications department and signed up for an appointment with her. She was very helpful, and gave me all the information I needed to know for class registration. Unfortunately, she wasn't my adviser so she couldn't sign my card, but all I had to do was take it over to the Gyte office and there they got me into my classes.

After early registration ended, I got the letter telling me what I registered for and when payment is due. I then realized that I hadn't signed up for 12 credits because my step aerobics class is only one credit. For my scholarship I need a full load so I went in on open registration to add a class. When I went in I got greeted with, "did you know that all of your classes got cancelled?" Of course I didn't know because I hadn't received any notification. When my scholarship was put on hold because I hadn't signed up for enough credits, the registrar washed my classes even though their records said money was on hold.

Next, I had to try to get my classes back. I went up to the 21st century scholars office because that's the scholarship I have, and met with Kimberly Trajkovski, and she tried to get me back into my classes. I wouldn't have gotten into my English 105 class because the English Department wasn't taking extensions, but then a new class opened for the exact date and time I wanted while Kim and I were looking through the class listings.

Now with registration done, I went to my first day of class. Everything was fine except my step aerobics class, the one that had caused me the trouble I went through, wasn't really a class. The instructor came into class to hand out the syllabus, and to tell us that we were to come three days a week as opposed to the two scheduled, and just work out on our own for class credit. Not only that, we were to purchase a fitness pass. So what was the point of paying tuition for a class that I don't get an instructor for, or signing up for a class that is nonexistent?

All I can say for my experience is that I'm glad I'm transferring to Ball State next year so I don't have to put up with the runaround I got here.

The People Speak

Question of the Week:

What was your New Year's resolution, and have you broken it yet?



Kat Freeman
freshman, political science

"I didn't really have one."



Kenny Moody
sophomore, communication

"It was to get in shape, and I am still working on it."



James Sims
senior, networking

"Mine, was to stay with my woman and to keep working out at the gym. I kept one of them, and the other I had no control over."



Mike Vega
freshman, business management

"My resolution was to not get arrested. I have not broken it"



Chris Dymtriw
senior, chemistry

"To work at least as possible and not to work at all if possible."

Have a topic you want to read about?
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Open forum promotes discussion

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"I think the financial aid office determines how much it will be, and certainly I will have to explore with them what possibilities there are to increase it. I don't know at this point," Bryant said.

Another student wanted to know why the bookstore carried textbooks that are constantly switched each year or semester because of more current editions.

Newsom replied, "The selection of textbooks doesn't reside with the bookstore manager, but

resides with the faculty, so the faculty decides which book and which edition is necessary."

Singer added, "If you are concerned because you don't see the difference between edition three or edition four please take that question to the person who is teaching the course."

"If you do not get a good answer, my advice would be to let me know."

Cohen said, as a team, the senior administration is in charge of making sure that students get a quality education at this university.

PUC professor leads trip to China

A Purdue University Calumet professor is leading a two-week trip to China June 17 to July 1.

Open to anyone, the trip may be taken for college credit.

Jin Lu, an associate professor in Purdue Calumet's Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, will lead the trip.

Travelers will learn about centuries-old Chinese culture in Beijing, view the breathtaking landscape of Lake Dianchi and Stone Forest around Kunming, enjoy the beautiful Butterfly Spring and the spectacular Canshan Mountain and Erhai Lake in Dali, visit the old town of Lijiang, well-known for its traditional architecture and quaint folk customs, see the natural scenery of a tropical forest in Xishuangbanna-the kingdom of plants and animals-and thrill to the wonders of Shanghai-the Paris

of the East-where past meets present and East meets West.

The trip includes visits to historical monuments that form China's national identity and opportunity to see many ethnic minority groups.

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Guest lecturer offers free series

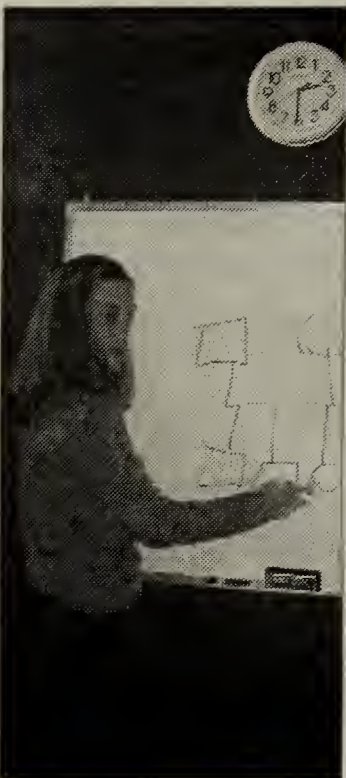


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Christina Dust draws a geneogram for a patient during a therapy session at the Family Studies Center.

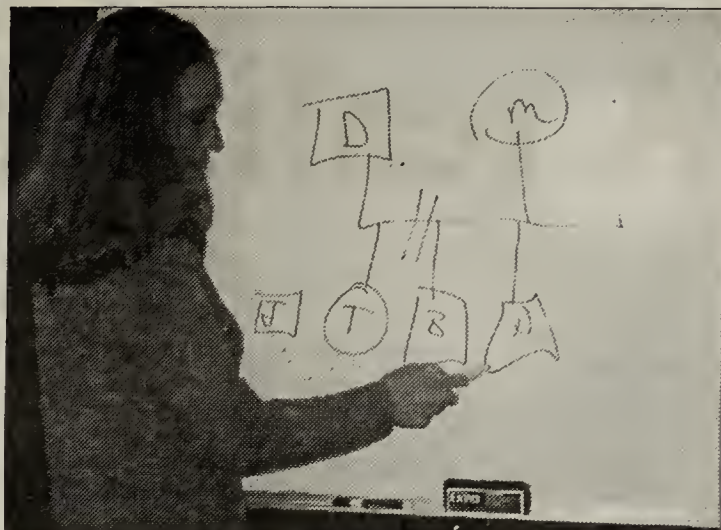


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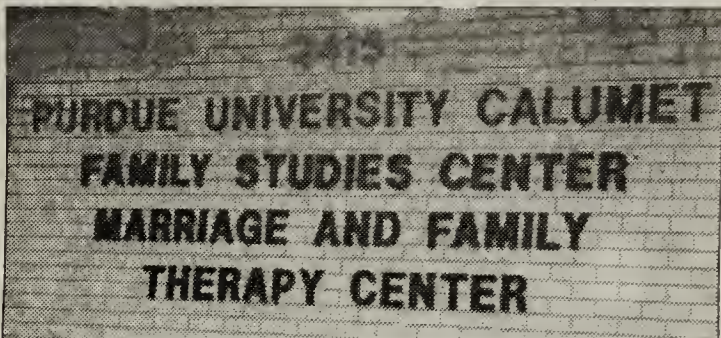


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Mike Stevens, a guest lecturer in the department of English and Philosophy at Purdue University Calumet will be offering a free three-lecture series at Temple Beth-El called "A Taste of Judaism: Are You Curious?" The course will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday evenings, April 10, 17 and 24.

The course is especially designed for non-Jews who would like to learn about Jewish beliefs, customs and ceremonies; for those who are engaged or married to Jews; for those who are un-churched or looking for a spiritual home; and for Jews who may have had little or no Jewish education or who may have been discouraged by their earlier encounters with Judaism.

The course will be informative, with

total sensitivity to the faith of each participant. As Judaism teaches the legitimacy of all faiths, there is absolutely no expectation that any participant would convert to Judaism; he will emphasize this point repeatedly throughout the three-lecture series.

Stevens has taught several sections of Philosophy 106 and two sections of English 462. His full-time position is Rabbi of Temple Beth-El of Munster.

There is no charge for the series, but participants are required to pre-register because class size is limited.

For more information contact Michael Stevens at (219) 934-9600.



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Senior, Grisel Villanueva views the African exhibit in the library held from Jan.16 from February 28.

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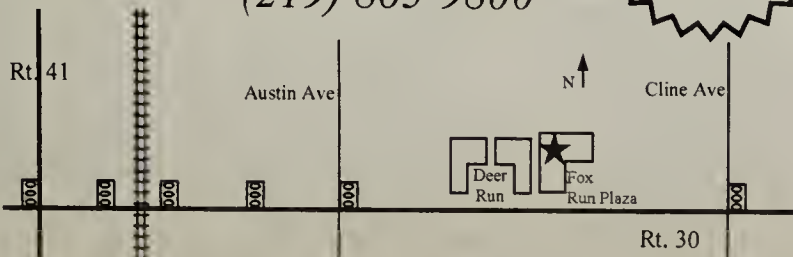
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A realistic history lesson

'Black Hawk Down' brings the reality of courage and brotherhood to the big screen

TERRENCE ISBELL
Entertainment Writer

I like 'Black Hawk Down' SO much better than Behind Enemy Lines. A pretty vague statement to say the least right? I know, and if I'm going to make such a vague statement, I better be able to back it up, right? Well, I can back it up and then some. Behind Enemy Lines was basically a TV commercial/video game...that's it. It was a military flick that people flocked to, but it was just a big budget Xbox game, in my opinion.

Two people who aren't known in the industry for their thought-provoking and artistic filmmaking talents; Ridley Scott and Jerry Bruckheimer have created "Blackhawk Down," in an extremely ironic twist of fate. I saw the trailer last summer, and I was like, "Another military war flick...good...nice...when something comes out that I HAVEN'T seen, I'll be sure to go check it out." I'm going to use a phrase that I don't utter often, but when I do, it's a massive event...I was wrong, as wrong as I could have been about this movie. "Blackhawk Down" is, in my opinion, the most realistic military movie ever to grace the screen.

Set in October of 1993, when the U.S. sent troops to Somalia on

a humanitarian mission to assist the people that were basically being starved by their village leaders turned warlords. I was in 10th grade when news of the battle in Somalia hit, and even though I don't remember much of it, the media covered it just as much as they have Sept. 11. The movie is about a simple military operation that should have taken no more than minimal effort turned into an all out war as Somali leaders threw everything they had at the soldiers who had no idea what they were in for.

One reason I praise this movie is the fact that they turned the movie into a type of film documentary. This isn't Pearl Harbor with a love story and a movie about a budding childhood friendship spliced in for mass appeal. This movie takes place entirely in the world of the military, without any side trips to slow it down. It's about the battle to survive.

I like director Ridley Scott's older classics such as "Alien" and "Blade Runner." Some of his recent movies like "G.I. Jane" and "Gladiator" didn't really do it for me. With "Blackhawk Down," he has kind of gone back to what his staple is, putting the viewers right into the action. When a couple of soldiers are caught in enemy crossfire, you don't see it from a



Director Ridley Scott retells the US conflict in Somalia in "Black Hawk Down."

certain vantage point far off...the camera is right there in the middle of it. Everything they see and experience (sound-wise, anyway), is what the audience is seeing.

Another reason I praise this movie is the fact that it had basically an all star cast. No one was proclaimed or labeled the hero, leader, or sarcastic comic relief. They were all just U.S. servicemen

who needed to survive with their know how. Each of them took on the role of leader at some point or another. Josh Hartnett, Ewan MacGregor, Tom Sizemore all did not have a leading role. The part they all played was more meaningful than that could have been.

"Blackhawk Down" is a movie I want to check out again, not for the special effects and the acting

jobs. Despite it not being a huge overblown summer flick, it does provide a more positive hybrid; huge special effects, excellent acting jobs, and it actually makes you care about what happens.

Black Hawk Down
★★★★

Gooding's latest film goes to the dogs

AMY PILARCZYK
Entertainment Writer

Cuba Gooding Jr. has appeared in a lot of top box office movies. From his Oscar winning role in "Jerry Maguire," to his heroic portrayals in both "Men Of Honor" and "Pearl Harbor," it feels like Cuba has portrayed himself as a more dramatic character. From portraying a loudmouth football player to playing military heroes, it is about time to see him in a role that is family friendly.

In the new Disney movie, "Snow Dogs," Gooding stars as



After a hard day's work, these dogs take a breather, while Ted Jones (Cuba Gooding, right) tries to not let his dreams go into mush in the new Disney film "Snow Dogs."

Miami dentist, Ted Brooks, who is just about to experience something that will make his world turn upside down. After finding out that he was adopted and his real mother is dying, Brooks finds his way up to the snowy banks of Alaska, where his mother left him eight Alaskan sled dogs: Demon, Scooper, Diesel, Mack, Duchess, Yodel, Sniff, and the ever adorable Nana.

Not knowing anything about dog sledding (or the Iditarod), Ted can't do anything with the dogs. But when he is confronted by mountain man, Thunder Jack (James Coburn) who's obsession is to drive Brooks back to the warmer climate of Miami and take the dogs for his own usage. In order to keep his inheritance in place, Ted needs

to learn all that he knows about mushing before everything that he has turns into mush.

Based on the book, "Winterdance: The Fine Madness of Running the Iditarod," by Gary Paulsen, "Snow Dogs" provides a great cast plus a variety of gags. Rounding out the cast are Nichelle Nichols, whose claim to fame was playing Uhura in the original "Star Trek" series; Rap star, Sisqo (famous for the Thong Song) also joins the cast as Brooks brother and Joanna Bacalso playing the bartender and Ted's love interest.

The gags in the movie, however, may be a little predictable. One in particular is that Brooks, has never led a team of sled dogs before, causing him to again and again get dragged across the snow

by the dogs' countless times, thus making us laugh again and again. Imagine Tim Allen, who was originally supposed to take the title role of Brooks providing that moment. Six-year-olds may think that the gag is funny, but other than that not many others would.

The previews of the movie sway the viewer to believe that the dogs talk throughout the entire movie. This is not the case. They talk in one scene, where they sit on the beach in lawn chairs talking to one another. This is only brought on because Brooks was hallucinating when he was stuck in a bad snowstorm. A shame the dogs did not speak more. It brought true comedy to the film. It may have added to more comedy than just Gooding falling down and learning

how to mush.

The dogs were adorable. One could not get that warm, fuzzy feeling when the dogs were on the screen. A great aspect to the film is the gorgeous scenery. Even though the movie was filmed in Canada, instead of Alaska, the scenery is still breathtaking.

When it comes down to it, "Snow Dogs" is a good movie to see with the family. It is a nice movie to see since a lot of movies out are for adults. The kids will love it and some adults will to. Thank god we did not have to listen to "Who let the dogs out."

Snowdogs
★★★★

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Imbruglia emerges from hiatus with new album



Natalie Imbruglia returns with her sophomore album "White Lilies Island."

JOE JUAREZ
Entertainment Editor

It has been nearly four years since we heard the name Natalie Imbruglia. With her double platinum album, "Left of the Middle," that contained her number one hit, "Torn," we all thought that the former Australian soap opera actress was going to be a mainstay in the music industry. But all of a sudden after her success, she was not heard from, fearing that "Torn" would take the journey into one hit wonderland, thus leaving her forgettable as the years go by and only being remembered on the "VH1 Where Are They Now" specials.

Thinking of the fear of one hit wonderland, the Australian songstress returns to bring us her follow up, "White Lilies Island." Unlike "Left of the Middle," which dealt with two issues: love and heartache, "White Lilies Island," still talks about the same issues, but adds in another flavor with the love and heartache: acceptance.

Recently, I had a chance to sit down and listen to the album before it hits CD shelves across the country March 5th. Believe me when I say, when you buy this album, you will hear first hand how the young Australian has blossomed from being a new face to being considered a mainstay.

From the opening song "That Day" to her first hit, "Wrong Impression," the still young Imbruglia depicts herself as a woman

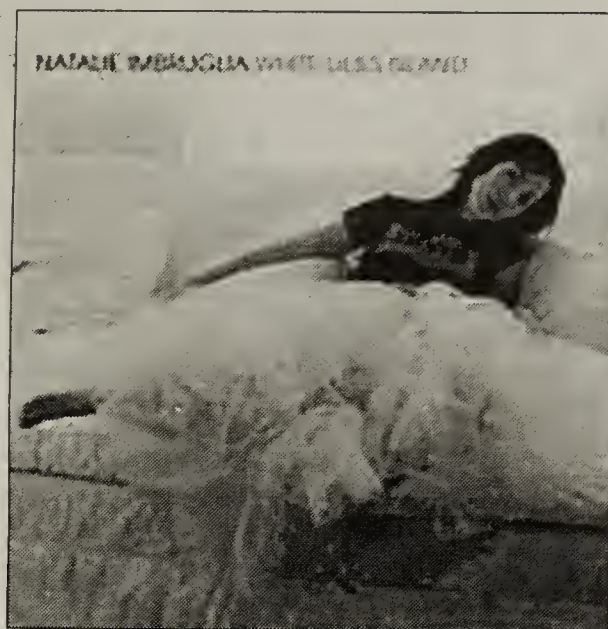
who has just got out of a terrible relationship. Like "Torn," "That Day" portrays her as a sad person who thinks that she is down on herself, but as always in the long run, she feels that any bad day is just a particular

one. In "Wrong Impression," she is telling someone that despite her not being interested and more or less wanting to be friends, she doesn't want the person to feel out of bounds believing that she just said the old "It's not you, it's me" feeling. In addition she still wants the same love and understanding, so that the relationship can still be on a friendship level.

I think that Natalie has grown within the last four years with her music. Unlike the first album, which she wrote when she was still young, with her new album "White Lilies Island" the listener will have the chance to hear first hand how a young woman can grow with the

music.

Natalie Imbruglia has a lot to look forward to in the year 2002. With the album destined to provide many hits, with songs like "That Day" and "Wrong Impression" more are likely



After a near 4 year hiatus, singer Natalie Imbruglia returns with her new album "White Lilies Island."

to follow. With talks of costarring in the 1937 remake of the Humphrey Bogart classic, "Dead End," with Edward Norton and Sarah Jessica Parker, 2002 will be considered her busiest year ever. Also after all this over, she will not be considered "Left of the Middle."

Smugglers run 2: just another typical road rage game

JOE JUAREZ
Entertainment Editor

In "Smugglers Run 2: Hostile Territory," by Rockstar Games, you are being put into the fight for your life. The game is basically the combination of the old "road rage" and "take your money and run" type of off road game. Set back in the early 1990's during the fall of The Soviet Union, to the poor, under constructed, and densely populated Vietnam, where smuggling has been considered very problematic.

Under the command of Frank Lugar, you are ordered to avoid, law enforcement officers, military officials, fellow smugglers, and ongoing trains while sending smuggled goods that can vary from medical equipment to exotic goods such as valuable artifacts, and explosives.

From sitting down and spending hours of my leisure time playing this action/adventure game, I kind of made a slight comparison to such famed "road rage" classics such as Sega Dreamcast's "Crazy Taxi" and the recently released Playstation 2's "Simpsons Road Rage." But despite the comparisons which by no means is self-explanatory with the computer graphics and bas-



A scene from Smugglers Run 2: Hostile Territory available on Playstation 2.

cially same type of story-line, in both "Taxi" and "Simpsons," the object is to send someone on their destination and providing enough damage as possible. Also not to forget, once you had taken someone to the charted destination and providing enough damage, you are then provided with your reward for a hard day's work with a monetary prize.

Unlike these two games, Smugglers Run 2 does provide the same idea minus sending someone to their charted destination.

Instead of people, you get all of this contraband like the artifacts and explosives and taking them to some location like Southern Russia or Vietnam that contains various forms of palatial locations such as ancient ruins and not so palatial locations such as bombed out villages and high snow levels.

You still have the chance to provide all of the damage necessary on the off road battlefield such as: destroying barbed-wired fencing, throwing down trees and even crashing and blowing

up car after car.

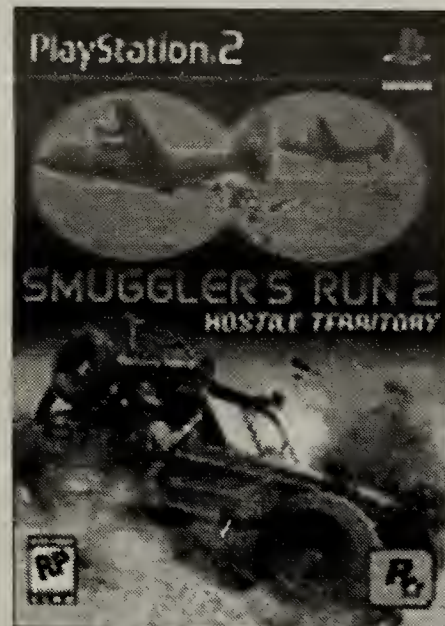
Overall, Smugglers Run 2, does provide a lot of good ideas that past road rage games such as "The Simpsons," and "Crazy Taxi" provide. However, I was not too fond of the soundtrack. I think if you are expecting a

n action/adventure off-road video game, I feel that easy going, high bass, electronic music that is heard in the game doesn't go too well

with the feel on what the game is all about. In my opinion, since the game's distributor is Rockstar Games, it should contain some hard, heavy rock that could cause suspense and mayhem throughout the game.

But, having said all that, to summarize, Smugglers Run 2 is to me just a "Crazy Taxi" like, "Simpson Road Rage" type game. Sure

the story line is totally different, but I have a feeling another video game distributor might come out with another version of an off-road game to top the predecessors. But if you think the game is good enough for you, the game is available on Playstation 2 right now.



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There were smiling Bears in 2001



FRANK SPANKLE
Sports Editor

It's pretty strange to note that the last time a major Chicago team won a post-season game was Game 6 of the 1998 NBA Finals when the Bulls defeated the Utah Jazz. Since then the Cubs and White Sox have made it to MLB divisional series and have been swept three games straight, and the Blackhawks have failed to make it to the NHL Stanley Cup Playoffs.

Then most recently added to that list, the Bears. Picked as favorites to defeat the Philadelphia Eagles in the January 19 NFC divisional playoff game, the magical season came to an end at Soldier Field in a 33-19 loss.

Maybe frowns on that night, but smiles known that fans are over the loss and can look back on the good, for 17 weeks, including the playoffs, the Bears were making it back to the top of the NFL's elite and no better time than this 2001 season.

Only fitting that following the loss to the Eagles, Dick Jauron be honored for his work as the "NFL's Coach of the Year." After all, this was a make or break year for this third year head coach finishing well under the .500 mark the previous two seasons. And going 13-3 with the NFC central title won, Jauron got an extension on his contract and very deserving of it.

The Bears came into the playoffs lacking experience, while the Eagles made it as far as the divisional game last year but lost. If anything it might be a step toward achieving glory.

Take the 1984 Bears, who like this year's team had no playoff experience, but did manage to defeat then the defending NFC champion Washington Redskins, only to get shut out in the NFC championship game 23-0 to the eventual Super Bowl XIX champs, San Francisco 49ers. The next year, the Bears would post one of the most memorable seasons for one single NFL team, going 15-1, and a route to the Super Bowl.

No one can say what next season holds. Expect a couple of changes, as the attention will be focused on Olivet Nazarene where the Bears will host training camp, and Memorial Stadium in Champaign, which will house the home games until Soldier Field reopens in 2003 as a new stadium.

With the success of this season, any Bears fan should look-up toward the possibly better things in 2002.

MIKE HALGAS &
CHARLIE FESTA
Sports Writers

For the past four home basketball games, student organizations have been competing against each other for bragging rights. Five organizations have been battling it out during half-time. The Chronicle, Erector Spinae Universitas, SGA, and the Total Fitness Center. The final was held Jan. 19, in the Total Fitness Center gym.

"We are mostly playing for bragging rights," SGA President pro-tem John Fetsis said.

Fetsis was one of the four

members in SGA to compete, scoring one point. The other SGA shooter was Joyce Hestermann, SGA senator.

"I only scored five points today," Hestermann said, who had the most points on SGA's team.

Despite the efforts of Fetsis and Hestermann, the SGA lost to the ESU team, the more athletic of the two.

"We played better last time," said Fetsis.

The halftime shootout was created to raise the attendance and awareness of the home basketball game.

"The idea is to bring student organizations out to compete with

each other. In turn, the organizations will bring out fans to cheer them on," Rob Jensen said, who is director of Fitness, Wellness and Sports.

Jensen said that all student organizations are welcome to come out and try their skills on the basketball court.

"We would love to see more student organizations come out and have a good time," Jensen said.

There are many other activities planned for the future half-time shows. UPS will sponsor a \$10,000 shot contest. The contest will be a timed event where a contestant will be given twenty five seconds to make shots from

the lay-up position, the free-throw line, the three point line and from half court. The winner will be awarded a prize of \$10,000.

On Feb. 2, the TFC will hold the Laker Olympics. This event will include several events, the snowman-building contest, where contestants will have to build snowmen out of marshmallows and the Code Red Mountain Dew Drinking Challenge, where one person from the team has to drink a 1-liter of Mountain Dew in a limited amount of time.

The TFC welcomes everyone to participate in the events and to come out and see the game.

Lakers get revenge over St. Xavier

FRANK SPANKLE
Sports Editor

To look back and realize that the last time the Lakers came through victorious against the St. Xavier Cougars, one would have to back to 1998. Since then, PUC has dropped seven straight to this CCAC (Chicago Colligate Athletic Conference) opponent, including elimination from the semi-finals in last year's conference tournament that ended the season. On January 19, the two teams renewed hostilities at the PER Building, in which the Lakers would even-up the odds, not to mention their conference record, for a 67-61 win snapped a seven-game losing streak against the Cougars.

After dropping the first two CCAC games, the Lakers had not much momentum on their side. Against St. Xavier, they continued to regain some confidence, especially coming off a 72-hour rest following their first conference victory over Illinois Tech. The first twenty minutes could only be described as exciting, with each team guarding back and forth.

At one point, PUC had trailed by six points, but managed to respond. Once Ryan Sexson drew a foul with three seconds remaining, the senior shooting guard tied the score at 30 all with his two free-throw shots, and that ended the first half.

The shooting comparison for both teams only differed by a small amount with the Lakers hitting 37 percent from the field as opposed to 36 percent for the visiting Cougars. Ball control would also play a huge key in the tie contest, with only 10 turnovers combined for both sides.

Once the second half began, it was anyone's game, however, the Lakers took control first. But what eventually became a ten-point lead for PUC, got cut to two, and then with 2:14 remaining in the game; the score was again tied-up, this time at 59 all. That set the stage for Dion Banks, who on defense came through with a steal that led to a fast-break and then the two points that the Lakers needed to go on top to what would become a six-point victory.

"Dion can be digging and digging and make a big play for

us, he has got as big of heart as anyone I have ever coached," Head Coach Gary Hayes said about the senior power forward's clutch performance, a game which included seven points, nine rebounds, five assists, and four steals for Banks himself.

Beyond which, was Sexson who led all scorers with 24 points, Ray Stringer had 12, and Eric Beard contributed eight points and six rebounds in what proved to be a team effort.

"We went into this game knowing that we had to rebound since this was a big game, then what we had to do was go out real hard and take it to the end," sophomore forward-center Marquise Woods said, who with nine points, 11 rebounds and four assists, added to the effort.

"The biggest turnaround for us started at practice, where we picked it all up and our seniors are coming out with their good leadership. We say we are going to win the game and that's what we did."

And what a turnaround for the Lakers, after losing their first two CCAC contest against St. Francis and Olivet Nazarene respectively, this team has

answered the challenge, now finding themselves at a 12-11 record and a 2-2 posting in the CCAC.

"We played poorly in the first half in the game against Olivet Nazarene, then we used some positives as we outscored them 41-38 in the second half, then we knew Illinois Tech was going to be a composed team, but today our composure was good at handling the ball, we were smart and that is what we needed to do to win this game, I think this is one of our big wins," Hayes said.

From here, the Lakers look on the confidence from this victory as the conference road continues.

"I knew I was 0-3 against St. Xavier, they knocked us out of the tournament last year, so it feels real good to win this one, but it's also good to be 2-2 (in the conference) and get ourselves in a position to win conference," Sexson said. "It hurts to start 0-2 (in the conference) and it does not matter how good you are, you have placed yourself in a hole and must get out of it, and we made a little ladder and got out of that hole, and that feels great."

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Thurs. Jan. 31 Joliet, IL St. Francis
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Sat. Feb. 2 PER Building Olivet
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